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Synopsis Case #19-41 and 20-05 Action Taken on June 4, 2021

Respondents: Nebraska Unity PAC and Michael Hughes, Treasurer

Nebraska Unity PAC is an independent committee which was active in the 2018 elections. Michael Hughes is its treasurer. The Respondents failed to report expenditures in violation of §49-1455(1)(h) of the NPADA and failed to file an annual campaign statement covering calendar year 2019 in violation of §49-1462.

The parties entered into a settlement agreement by which the Commission found that the Respondents had failed to properly report expenditures on a 2018 Primary Campaign Statement in violation of §49-1455(1)(h) and failed to file an annual campaign statement for 2019 in violation of §49-1462. The agreement also provides that the Respondents will pay a late filing fee of \$750.00 and a civil penalty of \$250.00.

The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with nine Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining.

Violation: Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Commission found one violation of §49-1455(1)(h) and one violation of §49-1462 of the NPADA.

Civil Penalty: \$250.00

Other: The required statement has been filed. The \$750.00 late fee and \$250.00 civil penalty have been paid.

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Nebraska Unity PAC)
And Michael Hughes, Treasurer,)
Respondents) ORDER

Now on this 4th day of June, 2021, this matter comes before the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Commissioners Anderson, Callahan, Carlson, Davis, Enenbach, Evnen, Hegarty, Peetz and Sullivan are present with Commissioner Davis presiding. The Respondent is not present. The Commission notes the submission of a proposed Settlement Agreement.

Whereupon, the Commission, with nine Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting, and no Commissioners abstaining, finds that the attached Settlement Agreement should be and hereby is approved and incorporated into this Order. Pursuant to that Agreement, the Commission finds one violation of §49-1455(1)(h) and one violation of §49-1462 of the NPADA by the Respondents.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Commission directs that the Respondents shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 and acknowledges that the agreement provides that the Respondents shall pay a late filing fee of \$750.00.

Issued this 4th day of June, 2021.

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Frank J. Daley Jr. Executive Director

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this was sent by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested on this day of June 2021, to the following address:

Nebraska Unity PAC Michael Hughes, Treasurer 7405 North 142nd Street Omaha, NE 68142

Frank J. Dalev. Jr.